Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In May of 1931, J. C. Penney was selling very stylish dresses at two for $11.50, and the gasoline war in Martin, South Dakota, ended when the dealers compromised at 18 cents a gallon; and,

WHEREAS, Nineteen Bennett County High School seniors said farewell to the Purple and Gold that long-ago spring; and,

WHEREAS, According to the school paper, the Alibi, the Class of '31 established the custom of having a Class Day, at which the Class History, Will, and Prophecy were read; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Fravel preached the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduates, speaking of "Building to Live"; and,

WHEREAS, The Commencement exercises were held in the Allen Theater in Martin, as nineteen seniors took their memories and marched into the world; and,

WHEREAS, The Bennett County High School Class of '31 will come together again for its 50th reunion on August 29 in Martin:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 29, 1981, as

BENNETT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '31 REUNION DAY

in South Dakota, and I personally salute the Class of '31 and their guests for honoring the past by remembering the people who have made it memorable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE